nt Ike, the Process Server, Handetl the Papers to Wong Mon, Who Doesn't Recall Having a Wife-New Mrs. Woo Has Gone, and Mott Street Society Is Upset.

Chinatown society stood up on excited pigtails yesterday when word flitted through Pell and Mott streets that young Mrs. Matilda Woo had brought suit for divorce, alimony and counsel fees against her husband, young Mr. Song Woo. Almost nothing else was talked of last night over the games of bridge fantan but the unheard of procedure of a full blooded Chinese society matron going in for Melican divorce. When further details got around, and ic was learned that a process server whose front name is Ike-he is not a Chinamanserved the divorce papers upon the wrong Chinaman, on the principle that allCelestials looked alike to him, the games of bridge were quite forgotten in the general excite-

Matilda Woo's maiden name was, as near as an Occidental could get it, Matilda I'mmmmm, and she was born in San Francisco of Chinese parents. In the course of events Matilda made the hit of her life with Mr. Song Woo, the popular Chinese photographer, who was said to carry himself even in those days with a bit of an air. Mr. Song Woo had a little conference with Matilda's father, old Mr. Ummmmm one day and after the olearance papers and other red tape had been signed Miss Matilda prayed in the joss house for guidance on the way back from the dressmaker's shop, where her trousseau was being made. She and Mr. Song Woo were married in San Francisco on January 5, 1904, but did not live happily ever after.

Last Saturday afternoon young Mr. Wong Mon was strolling up Pell street when the person named Ike stopped him and served him with a bundle of typewritten papers.
"Me Wong Mon," began Wong doubtfully. The Chinaman didn't know then what it was all about, but it didn't look good to him. He tried to hand the papers back with another crooning of, "Me Wong

"You're not the wrong man," insisted The stoutly. "Cut that out." "No, no, no," protested the Chinaman. "Me Wong Mon."

"You have to show me you're the wrong man," remarked Ike and lighted a cigarette. Down the street came Mr. Jim Wing at this point and proffered Wong Mon his services as an interpreter. Mr. Wing looked over the papers a moment and then sang a lot of information to Mr. Wong.

"Him no miallied-him glotee no wife," cried Mr. Wing for Mr. Wong. "You tak' plapers back."

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While the 'rapidly growing crowd of friends of Messrs. Wing and Wong gathered around and began to break into chorus like slowly began to edge away. They were coming too fast. Ike suddenly set up a sprint through Doyers street toward the Bowery and the last seen of him by Mr. Wing and Mr. Wong was when he boarded a Third avenue car and rode northward. About the same time everybody in the Oriental group began to learn that the papers had something to do with the "pleece" and law. Mr. Wong Mon, who is a cousin of Mr. Mock Duck, but keeps it to himself, rapidly found himself alone at the corner of Doyers and Pell streets save for the faithful and fearless Mr. Wing.

When Mr. Wong could collect his thoughts he saw at once that the only thing to do was to go over to the Pell street joss ho use and learn direct from heaven, through the intervention of the high priest, whether he had a wife that had slipped his memory. The only way to find out definitely about these matters is to have the high priest toes the "blooks." A round stick about eight inches long will, when sawed lengthwise through the centre, form the official blocks with which one's fate is decided.

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Mr. Wong told his troubles to the high priest. The priest burned some incense and tore off a few yards of paper prayers at the outset and then took up the magio blocks. If the blocks after being tossed in the air fall upon a table so that both lie with the flat sides up or both with the round sides up the truth seeker learns that he hasn't a chance in whatever is going to happen next. Fortunately for Mr. Wong the blocks came down so that one lay on its flat side and one on the round side, whereupon the priest told Mr. Wong that there was nothing to it—he had no wife. Mr. Wong was somewhat incredulous, however, and said even as late as yesterday some of the devile had it in for him and was cooking up all this trouble.

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While Mr. Wong was finding out from the blocks what he was up against his friend, Mr. Wing, was hurrying over to the office of Lawyer Thomas C. McDonald, at 280 Broadway, with the papers. After glancing over the papers the lawyer told Mr. Wing that a person named Song Woo had been sued for divorce by Matilda Woo and that Miss Grace Wong was named as corespondent. Furthermore, the plaintiff asked for \$250 counsel fee and alimony of \$10 a week.

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News travels quickly in some parts of town. Lawyer McDonald had just got down this far in his explanation to Mr. Wing when in came the Chinese girl named as corespondent, Miss Wong. Grace was trying to find out how about it also when the door opened again and along came the defendant, Song Woo, followed closely by Mr. Mon. There was a general discussion, while the lawyer put his fingers to his ears to try to drown out the Chinese music. The general impression gained by those present that couldn't understand Chinese was that somebody was getting was that somebody was getting

roasted.

The result of the conference was that Lawyer McDonald was retained on the spot to defend the blackened character of Messrs. Woo and Mon, both of whom declared their innocence heatedly. Mr. Woo said the divorce papers of his wife wronged a great and good man and Mr. Mon insisted just as stoutly that he wasn't Mr. Woo. Miss Wong intimated that she was a lady. She speaks English very well and when she had to lapse into Chinese to explain things to Mr. Wong she begget leverybody's pardon profusely for breaking into song.

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In the meantime Mrs. Matilda Woo, who wants the \$10 weekly alimony, seems to have disappeared. Lawyer McDonald has had two men searching for her for several days, but they cannot find her. Miss Grace Wong is going quietly about her own business. Mr. Woo is awaiting further developments. Mr. Wing and Mr. Mon are waiting for somebody to move, and Ike is probably still headed up Third avenue unless he took a transfer.

11.750,944 Bales of Cotton Glaned. WASHINGTON, Jan 9 .- The amount of cotton of this year's crop ginned up to Jan. according to a bulletin issued by the Census Bureau, was 11,750,744 bales, against 9,725,426 bales ginned up to Jan. 1, 1908.

Of the increase of 2,25,518 b les Texas furnished 1,394,580 bales, her output jumping from 2,231,639 bales on Jan. 1, 1906, to

ing from 2,231,639 bales on Jan. 1, 1909, to 3,526,259 bales one year leter. Louisiana shows an increase of 380,337 bales, Mississippi 254,903 bales and Arkansas 221,602 bales, while in North Carolina. South Carolina, Georgia and Florida the amount ginned was less than last year.

Grip Among Michigan Legislators May

Delay Senator's Election. LANSING, Mich., Jan. 9.-An epidemic of influenza may delay the election of a United States Senator in Michigan for another week. When the Legislature re-convened to-day it was announced that at least twenty members were kept at home by the disease. There is talk of an adjournment of the Senatorial caucus for another were MUNICIPALIZE EVERYTHING!

Keir Hardy, M. P. Springs an Amazing Socialistic Programme on London.

Epecial Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Jan. 9.—Undismayed by the resentment against the extension of municipal trading, as detailed in THE SUN'S despatches, the Independent Labor party, of which James Keir Hardie, M. P., is the leading spirit, has issued a manifesto in connection with the coming London County Council elections. It gives a programme of amazing developments of municipal

socialism and appeals for support for it. It may be roughly described as a scheme to municipalize everything, and includes the endowing of the council with the control of the public supply of milk, electricity and coal, authorizing the council to buy coal mines and to control the docks; police hospitals, markets, slaughterhouses and transportation, including all the Metropolitan railways, whether surface r under-

ground, tramways and omnibuses. It further empowers the council to lay out gardens in the suburbs around London, and to carry out itself all work now done by contractors. It provides for the institution of forty-eight ours labor weekly, all workmen to receive a minimum wage of thirty shillings.

MATTERHORN RAILWAY PLANS. Cogwheel and Tunnel Combination to Cost

\$2,000,000-Three Hours to the Summit

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
GENEVA, Jan. 9.—Plans for the construction of a railway to the summit of the Matterhorn, perhaps the most famous, as it is certainly the grandest of the Swiss Alps, have been submitted to the Federal Council in accordance with a concession granted

The first section, from the village of Zermatt to the Alpine Club's but, a distance of 10,000 feet, will be the cogwheel system, which is familiar in existing mountain railways. Thence an almost perpendicular tunnel will be drilled, with a grad of 85 per cent. to within sixty feet of the summit, which is 14,780 feet above the level of the sea.

Here a capacious station will be hewn out of the rock, with numerous galleries looking outward on the magnificent pane rama of the Swiss and Italian Alps. There will also be a chamber containing compressed oxygen to relieve sufferers from untain sickness.

It is proposed to charge \$10 for the round trip, which will occupy about three hours. The ascent on foot, which is dangerous, owing to frequent falls of rock, takes about twenty-four hours, and costs, for guides, &c., \$40. It is estimated that the railway will cost \$2,000,000 and occupy four years in

17-YEAR-OLD GIRL VANISHES. No One Who Knows Annie Strom Has Seen Her Since Last Sunday.

A general alarm was sent out yesterday by the Brooklyn police for Annie Strom the seventeen-year-old daughter of Patrick E. Strom, an engineer in the Otis Elevator Company, who has been missing from her home, at 560 Dean street, since Sunday. The famild lived in Jamaica until about a year ago and Annie used to attend the Normal School there. It was understood by her family when she left the house, shortly after 1 o'clock on Sunday, that she was going to Jamaica to visit two of her school chums.

Jamaica to visit two of her school chums. When she failed to return home on Sunday night there was no special alarm over her absence as it was supposed she had decided to remain over night at the house of one of her friends in Jamaica. Her family, however, became anxious on Monday when no word was heard of her and it had been found that she had not visited Jamaica on Sunday as far as could be learned. The anxiety was increased when the girl's father learned that about 10 o'clook on Sunday morning Annie had been called to a telephone in a neighbor's house and had carried on a conversation with some person whose identity has not yet been established. Annie was overheard saying as she was Annie was overheard saying as she was about to hang up the receiver: "Well, all right. I'll see you this after-

It is conjectured from this that she had made an engagement to meet the person with whom she was conversing, and had no intention of going to Jamaica. Although diligent inquiry has been made in all directions where there was any reason to suppose she might have gone no trace whatever of the girl has been obtained since she started from her home. Nor have the police been able to discover the person with whom she was talking over the telephone.

REBUKE TO SENATOR RAINES. Palls to Land His Man as Chief Clerk in the

ALBANY, Jan. 9 .- A stinging rebuke to Senator John Raines was administered by the Assemblyman from Wayne county, which is in Raines's Senate district, and Senator Raines was powerless to again senator Raines was poweriess to again land for his own State committeeman, Charles R. Betts of the Ontario-Wayne district, the position he has occupied in the Assembly for some years past. Mr. Betts wanted to be reappointed to the chief clerkship in the engrossing room, which pays a salary of \$1,500 for a four months' session, the same as an Assembly-

man.

The Assemblyman from Wayne is Edson W. Hamm and he had another man for the place. When the Legislature convened last Wednesday Mr. Hamm informed the clerk of the Assembly, Col. Archie E. Baxter, that his candidate for the clerkship in the engrossing room was not Mr. Betts. When Senator Raines heard of the trouble he tried to fix it so that Mr. Betts could come back to his old job, but Assemblyman Hamm refused to consider the appointment of Mr. Betts as being patronage for his county and insisted upon his own appointee. This afternoon Mr. Betts telegraphed to Col. Baxter that he would not press his claims for the place. This is the first time a State committeeman has not been recognized in dealing out patronage to a county.

TEN FAMILIES ROUTED OUT. Five Story Tenement House on Monroe

Street Set on Fire by Incendiaries. The five story tenement house at 265 Monroe street was set afire by incendiaries yesterday morning and ten families were aroused from their sleep and routed out in a hurry. The fire was started with waste saturated with kerosene and was going pretty briskly when discovered by Policeman Kilpatrick of the Delancey street station. He turned in an alarm and then went through the building and got the tenents out.

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A few minutes before he discovered smoke pouring from the lower hallway the policeman noticed three men emerging from the building, but nothing about their actions excited his suspicions. The police believe the three men set the torch on the third floor, and although detectives hunted for them all day yesterday no trace of them was had.

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The firemen got the blaze under control in short order, but \$1,000 damage was done. All the tenants were paniestricken.

Secretary Straus to Give a Dinner to His

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- Oscar S. Straus the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, announces a dinner for January 12, when his guests will be the Assistant Secretary, his guests will be the Assistant Secretary, Lawrence O. Murray, and all the bureau heads of the Department, together with their wives. Secretary Straus is rapidly getting a line on the duties of his new office and in an effort to bring about team work on the part of his assistants and himself he is to give a dinner in order to become better acquainted with the responsible officers of the Department. IN Manager Store

Store Closes at 5:30 P. M.

The Manager Storm

Ideals in Business

IT was said of Lord Chatham that there was something finer in the man than anything which he said. Emerson called this latent power "Character."

The daily chronicler of the Wanamaker Store finds that words fail to express the attractions of this institution up to anything like the qualities that must be necessary to attract the admiration and patronage which are daily expressed and bestowed by its customers.

"Character" is the secret again - for a store does have character, as well as reputation. The Wanamaker Store stands for a FACT.

Intelligent, Economic Distribution of Merchandise There are many stores, with many varying ideals. With some,

the money-making idea is dominant. It is present with ALL. But policies differ. The Wanamaker Idea is that Best Service is the Best Policy.

The sound economic basis develops the best service; and best service must win largest public favor. Wanamaker ideals, upheld by rigid discipline and aggressive

effort toward betterment, have created the store's character. The public approval of these ideals, together with confidence in the store's ability to live up to them, is evidenced by the immensely increased business that is recorded annually by the Wanamaker

> Most Enjoyable Concerts Daily in the Auditorium

Morning and afternoon at 11 and 2:30, respectively. To-day's programs include selections by Mrs. Wilson Young, Soprano; Mr. FERBINAND HIMMELREICH, Pianist; Mr. ARTHUR DEPEW, at the great organ; and Mr. P. K. Van York, whose marvelous rendering of musical masterpieces by means of the Angelus has excited much interest among musicians.

Men's House Coats At HALF PRICE

Made of handsome double-faced fabrics, cut in good-fitting models, handsomely tailored-comfortable, serviceable and goodlooking. Sizes mostly for smaller men.

To-day's prices as follows:

All are welcome.

\$5 Coats at \$2.50 \$6.50 Coats at \$3.25 \$7.50 Coats at \$3.75

\$10 Coats at \$5 \$12 Coats at \$6 Main floor, Wanamaker Building.

Men's Fancy Madras Shirts at 50c

In plain negliges style, or with plaited bosoms; separate cuffs; in light grounds with neat figures and stripes. Sizes 14 to 18%.

Men's Pajamas, \$1 a Suit In plain white madras, and white with neat figures and stripes. Made with military

Basement, Stewart Building.

500 Boys' Wash Suits At \$1.65, worth \$2.50 to \$4.50

A special purchase accounts for these special prices. The suits are of white pique, striped galatea, madras and chambray in the newest styles.

Russian Blouse Suits with bloomer trousers, sizes for 3 to 7 years. Sailor Blouse Suits with bloomer trousers, sizes for 5 to 10 Main floor, Wanamaker Building.

Our Most Artistic Garments for Women

Present a New Price Fascination Today THE elegant Evening Wraps and fine Costumes, which we brought from abroad this season,

have charmed thousands of women. Many who have coveted them have forgone possession because of their cost. Today a third

to a half of the former price has been deducted from each, and beauty-loving women may possess them without extravagance.

Here is a distinguished group of Evening Coats, designed by such artists of dress as Francis, Artus, Raffin, Gerson, Bythnier and Betinski. The coats are made of the very finest foreign. broadcloths in pastel shades trimmed with fine lace, handsome braids and velvets. Included are a number of rich velvet coats, in white, lavender, green and gray, elegantly trimmed with white

Broadcloth Coats that were formerly priced at \$40 to \$128 Are now \$27 to \$85.50 ,

Rich Velvet Coats that were formerly \$90 to \$225 Are now \$60 to \$167

Then there is a most interesting collection of Evening and Dinner Gowns, made by some of the best designers of Paris, including Beer, Panem, Doeuilett, Havet, Perdoux, Armand, Bob Marie, Francis, Paquin, Lafferriere and several other famous makers. The materials are chiffons, lace, satin, crepe de Chine and chiffon voiles. The dresses are slightly soiled or mussed from handling, as will be discovered from close examination, but the tremendous reductions in prices more than make up for the small hurts they have received.

Gowns that were \$185 to \$300, are now marked \$80 Gowns that were \$350 to \$400, are now marked \$100 Gowns that were \$450 to \$600, are now marked \$150

Many large reductions have also been made on our exclusive imported and domestic Tailor made Suits.

There is a fine collection of sixty-two American-made Evening Coats-copied from a selected imported model-made of white prunella cloth, in two lengths, 48 and 52 inches, with loose graceful back, single-breasted; front prettily trimmed with applique of braid in various patterns; collarless, finished at the neck with plaited velvet in shades of yellow, pale blue, white, red and lavender. Lined throughout with excellent satin. Formerly \$30 and \$35, now \$17.75 each.

Also the remaining stock of the new "Margaret Anglin" Evening Capes, made with all the style of the graceful Paris model after which they are designed. Of white or gray prunella cloth, 50 inches long, finished with large detachable hood; lined with white, gray, violet, rose or pale blue peau de cygne. Formerly \$38, now \$28 each. Third floor, Stewart Building.

FANCY LINENS

At Half Price, or near It

A very artistic collection of hand-embroidered hemstitched linen scarfs, squares and table covers. Also some Berlin drawn work centerpieces, scarfs and doilies, slightly mussed and soiled from handling, now radically reduced in price, as the list below indicates.

Hand-embroidered Scarfs, at \$1.25, \$1.50,\$2.75 and \$4, from \$2.50, \$3, \$5.25 and \$7.50. Hand-embroidered Squares, at \$1.95, \$2.75 and \$3.90, from \$3.25, \$4.25 and \$6. Hand-embroidered Round Table Covers, 2 yards, at \$6,

from \$10.50; 21/2 yards, at \$10, from \$15. Berlin Drawn-work-Doilies, at 75c, \$1.25 and \$2.25, from \$1.45, \$2.50 and

34.50.

Round Centerpieces, at \$4.25, from \$8.

Centerpieces, at \$4.75 and \$5.75, from \$9 and \$10.50.

Table Covers, at \$8, from \$15.

Scarfs, at \$4.50 and \$6, from \$9 and \$12.

Hand-embroidered and Ruffled Cushion Covers, mostly

22x22 inches; also some hemstitched Infant Pillow-cases, soiled and mussed, at nearly half former prices. At 75c, 90c, \$1 and \$1.50, worth \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2 and \$3.

Hemstitched linen Pillow Cases, 16x20 inches, at 90c a
pair, worth \$1.50. Second floor, Stewart Building.

Beautiful Showing Of FINE TABLE LINENS

These are new linens which have just arrived. They are of exquisitely fine double satin damask, the best product of the best linen manufacturers. They have all the old-time linen virtues, and show artistic designs of great beauty. There are Empire effects and conventional borders, with plain centers and various floral patterns grantful scrolls and dots. patterns, graceful scrolls and dots.

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2 x 2 yards, worth 34.50, at \$3.28.

2 x 2½ yards, worth \$5.75, at \$4.25.

2 x 3 yards, worth \$7.75, at \$5.25.

2 x 3½ yards, worth \$7.75, at \$6.25.

2 x 4 yards, worth \$8.50, at \$6.25.

2½ x 2½ yards, worth \$8.50, at \$6.50.

2½ x 3 yards, worth \$8.50, at \$6.50.

2½ x 3 yards, worth \$10, at \$7.75.

2½ x 4 yards, worth \$11.50, at \$9.

26 x 26-inch Napkins to match, worth \$7, at \$5.25.

2e. Second floor, Stewart Building.

The Helpful Wanamaker Diary for 5° Cloth Bound, Contains 448 Pages and City Map Packed full of information. Contains some almanace features and also many facts not easily obtainable elsewhere. Besides the blank lines for the daily diary, there are ruled space, for expense and cash accounts, memoranda, etc. A very useful map of New York City is folded in back of book, containing valuable information about street numbers and street cars, subway and elevated lines. Price 5c.

Basement, Stewart Building.

Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co. JOHN WANAMAKER

Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Eighth to Tenth Street.

SHOT HIS GIRL WIFE. Her Brother and Himself-All Three

Will Recover William Igoe, 24 years old, a truck driver, shot his fourteen-year-old bride of a month, Mary; her brother, William Wehmeyer and himself yesterday afternoon at the home of the girl's parents, 456 West Fortyfifth street. All three will recover.

The girl wife had left Igoe a week ago. Frank Wehmeyer, Mary's father, his wife, two boys, William, 17 years old, and Frank, 12 years old, and the girl occupy a small and squalid tenement into which they had moved on Tuesday. Mary, William and George Elwood of 446 West Forty-sixth street, the girl's old time love, were sitting in the kitchen yesterday afternoon when Igoe rushed into the room and demanded

to see Mary. He followed the girl and her brother as they fled out of the kitchen into a tiny back bedroom. "Come out here, you little wretch. I'll finish you up now," he yelled as he shot Mary in the hip. Her brother jumped at his husky brother-in-law, who continued to pop away. One shot struck the boy's arm and the third brought Mary to the floor. Then Igoe shot himself in

to the hor. Then age in Bellevue and the brother is in Roosevelt Hospital.

Mary, who worked in a tin can factory, met Igoe on Thanksgiving night in a Chinese restaurant, her brother said. They were married the next day by the Rev. T. H. Sill. vicar of St. Chrysostom's Chapel in Thirtyseventh street. She told the minister she was Mary Myers, 18 years old, Dr. Sill said last night.

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The pair first lived with Igoe's mother at 604 West Fifty-fifth street, and then hired a furnished room. Mary found she did not like Igoe very much. She left him three times, and for good and all a week ago. Elwood was still in the running for Mary's affection. Igoe met his wife at several rackets in the Alley and he threatened to finish her. On Saturday night Grother Willie and Igoe fought it out and Willie lost a tooth.

a tooth.

"Her father wanted to get us separated and I couldn't stand for Elwood around no more," Igoe told Detective Quinn last night

The President to Do Honor to Gen. Robert E. Lee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- A committee called at the White House to-day to invite the President to attend the meeting in honor of Robert E. Lee to be held in Washington on the 19th of this month. The President on the 19th of this month. The President said that he would be unable to attend the meeting but volunteered to write a letter which may be read at the meeting. In this letter Mr. Roosevelt will probably give an estimate of the character of Gen. Lee as a man and a soldier. The committee of invitation included Gen. Marcus J. Wright, Judge Charles B. Howrey and Thomas Nelson Page.

With another day gone and the steamship Ponce from Porto Rico still missing, the fears of her owner and the relatives and friends of those on board have greatly increased. It is now ten days since, under ordinary circumstances, the vessel which sailed from Ponce on Christmas Day should have been here. Hope has grown dinmer. even among shipping men, and only guesses as to the fate of the Ponce are now put forth, whereas heretofore there have been

Two days since it was said that the Trinidad steamship Maracas, now three days overdue from Port of Spain, whence she sailed on December 29, might have picked up the Ponce and taken her in tow. But yesterday it was argued that the chances were small, because she travels in the lanes she been able to find the Ponce there was no reason why ten or more other vessels that have gone up and down the coast in the last ten days should not have seen her. But in default of any other explanation of the lateness of the Maraons the representatives of the line have by no means given

tives of the line have by no means given up hope.

Among the vessels arriving from Southern ports yesterday were the Sibiria from Kingston, the Comanche from Jacksonville, the Bermudian from Bermuda, the San Jacinto from Galveston, the Falco from Clenfuegos, El Siglo from Galveston and the Monroe and the Seneca from Norfolk, but their masters had all the same reply—they had not seen the Ponce or the Maracas. The Red D liner Caracas, sister ship to the Maracas, arrived yesterday at San the Maraose, arrived yesterday at San Juan and cabled here that she had not passed the Ponce or the Maraoss.

yesterday afternoon the revenue cutters Mohawk, which sailed from here, and the Onondaga, which was in the vicinity of Capes Charles and Henry, returned to Hampton Roads and reported that their search for the Ponce had been fruitless. The cutters will coal and proceed to sea

The cutters will coal and proceed to sea again.

Should the Ponce not have hit a derelict or met with some other mishap at sea, there is still snother danger that may mensce those on board her-want of food. Usually vessels sailing from here for ports South provision only for the round trip, except, of course, that they carry canned goods and hardtack or sea biscuit. But there is no way of knowing just how much food there was on the ship.

A telegram from Philadelphia yesterday a sted that the schooner George May, which had arrived there from Fernandina, reported passing a two masted steamer which had arrived there from Fernandina, reported passing a two masted steamer near the Delaware Breakwater and that the vessel seemed to be not under control. The description did not tally with that of the Ponce, though it might have been the Maracas. The hull of the vessel seen by the May was drab—that of the Ponce is black.

FEARS FOR THE PONCE GROW.

of putting many commanders at sea on their guard to look for the ship, and in shipping circles it is deplored that the Ponce and Maracas were never equipped. AGAIN PUTS AWAY THE CROWN.

Gov. Stokes Emphatic in His Refusal to Join in Senatorial Fight. ORANGE, N.J., Jan. 9 .- District Court Judge Benjamin F. Jones of Orange gave out to-day a letter received by him from Gov. Stokes in which the Governor reiterates his statement that he will not be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed John F. Dryden. The Governor

ceed John F. Dryden. The Governor writes:

"I am not, have not been, and shall not be a candidate for United States Senator during my term as Governor. This statement involves no change in my position. It is simply a reiteration of what I have said time and again.

"The clause in the State Constitution, void though it be from a constitutional, legal and moral aspect, has this significance: It was placed in the Constitution by the people as their expression of the policy which they desired should govern the action of their chief executives. They evidently intended to prevent the Governor of the State from using the power and patronage of his office in furtherance of his own political and personal preferment.

"I cannot see where my entrance into the Senatorial race could do anything but harm. I have other thoughts in mind. No good Republican can to-day be blind to the serious condition of our party. With no apparent spirit of unity or harmony, it is split into factional divisions, each anxious for its own supremacy. The result of the elections in Essex, Hudson and Passaic cannot be lightly dismissed as temporary reverses that will right them. suit of the elections in Essex, Hudson and Passaic cannot be lightly dismissed as temporary reverses that will right themselves next year. They contain a warning that must be heeded. It is time for the loyal party spirit to come to the front with a programme broad enough and with a charity wide enough to unite the rank and file.

SPLASHED PAINT ON STATUE Of Woman in Group Representing Africa on New Custom House

Great splashes of red paint were found esterday morning on one of the groups yesterday morning on one of the groups of statuary in front of the new Custom House. The paint had evidently been thrown from the pavement. Blotches of vermillion cover the body of the female figure in the group representing Africa.

This group is one of four representing the four continents. The groups representing Europe and America are on either side of the central door, the one proposes. senting Europe and America are on either side of the central door, the one representing Asia is near Whitehall street, and the Africa group is near Battery Park. A lion and a slumbering woman make up the group which typines Africa The woman has thick lips and long hair reaching in a plait to the waist. Her features are heavy and suggest the negro.

Workmen were busy yesterday afternoon cleaning off the spots from this statue with a chemical wash. The cleaning is particularly difficult, as the paint has sunk deep into the white marble.

LAKE PLACID

A fine new winter hotel just opened, every modern comfort, with winter sports of sleighing, snow-shoeing, toboganing, skeeing and skating, all within twelve hours from New York or Buffalo-15 hours from Boston—is a novelty that is being enjoyed by great numbers of those who love to breathe a cold, dry, crisp air, and feel the tingle in their blood which comes from exercise in a climate like that of the ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS.

Half Rates January 1st to 14th

Round trip tickets are sold at one fare plus \$1.00 from New York, Boston, Buffalo and all principal stations between these points, good to return until January 31st, by the



Information gladly furnished upon application to L. F. Vosburgh, Gen'l Eastern Passenger Agent, 1216 Broadway, New York, or by any ticket agent of these lines.

A copy of "America's Winter Resorts" mailed on receipt of a 2-cent stamp by George E. Daniels, Manager General Advertising Department, New York.

STANFORD WHITE ON JURY LIST. Murdered Architect's Card Drawn From

Wheel in U. S. Circuit Court, When Deputy Clerk Van Hagen started When Deputy Clerk Van Hagen started to empanel a jury at the opening of the January term of the Criminal Branch of the United States Circuit Court yesterday morning one of the first cards that came out of the wheel was that of Stanford White, for whose murder Harry Thaw will be brought to trial this month. Besides his home address in East Twenty-first street Mr. White's card bore three business addresses: 15% Fifth avenue, 1123 Broadway and 51 Madison avenue. The last named

is the address of the Madison Square Garden in the tower of which Mr. White had a studio.

The last appearance of the murdered architect as a juryman in the United States Circuit Court was in June, 1905, on which Pacific Coal.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 9 .- The fuel shortage reached a crisis yesterday at North Yakima when citizens held up twenty-seven cars of coal on the Northern Pacific. Fifteen hundred persons helped themselves.